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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF JUSTICE BANS DURBAN PRO-FRELIMO RALLY

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1. MINISTER OF JUSTICE JIMMY KRUGER ANNOUNCED SEPT -4
BANNING OF PLANNED PRO-FRELIMO RALLY IN DURBAN SEPT 25.
RALLY WAS TO BE FIRST OF SERIES OF MEETINGS SPONSORED
BY SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION (SASO) AND BLACK
PEOPLES CONVENTION (BPC) AT WHICH FOUR FRELIMO LEADERS
FROM MOZAMBIQUE ALLEGEDLY WERE TO SPEAK. RALLY HAD
RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY THROUGH POSTERS AND ONE
PAGE HANDOUTS IN BLACK SECTIONS OF DURBAN AS WELL AS
AMPLE NEWSPAPER COVERAGE.

2. SASO OFFICIALS TOLD CONGEN OFFICER SEPT 23 DURING VISIT
THEIR HEADQUARTERS PURPOSE OF RALLY PUT S.A. GOVT. IN
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UNTENABLE POSITION. IF GOVT BANNED RALLY, WOULD EXPOSE

SAG'S "GOOD NEIGHBOR" POLICY TOWARD FRELIMO AS MYTH.
IF RALLY PERMITTED, SASO AND BPC WOULD BENEFIT FROM SUCCESSFUL
IDENTIFICATION WITH FRELIMO.

3. COMMENT:CONSULATE OFFICER'S IMPRESSION FROM CONVERSATION
WITH SASO OFFICIALS IS SASO NEVER INTENDED BRING FRELIMOS
INTO S.A. ENTIRE ENTERPRISE APPEARS SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT
IDENTIFY WITH FRELIMO SUCCESSES AND RIDE GROWING SUPPORT
FOR FRELIMO AMONG DURBAN BLACKS (REFTEL). BY FORCING GOVT.
BAN RALLY, SASO/BPC ACHIEVED FURTHER AIM OF POSSIBLY
EMBARRASING SOUTH AFRICA IN ITS RELATIONS WITH NEW
MOZAMBIQUE GOVT. PROJECT APPARENTLY INGENIOUS FORM OF
HARASSMENT OF SAG BY SASO/BPC AND CARRIED OFF WITH
UNCHARACTERISTIC EFFICIENCY AND VERVE.
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